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I. *Peir Tíge Chonáin Chinn t-Sleibhe*; or, an Account of the Visit of Fionn Mac Chumhaill to the Mansion of Conan of Ceann Sleibhe, a romantic hill which is situated on the borders of the Lake of Inchiquin, in the county of Clare. *In the Press.*

This document contains a colloquy between Fionn and Conan, in which much light is thrown on the Ancient Topography of Munster; and also on the Habits and Customs of the Fenian Chieftains.

II. A VOLUME OF OSSIANIC POEMS. To be edited by the SECRETARY.

III. *Tóruigheacht Óhiairmhúa Uí Óhuiúne agus Ógráinne, in gíon Chopmuic Íleic Gírt*; or, an Account of the Pursuit of Diarmuid O'Duibhne, (now O'Dunn), and Grace the daughter of Cormac Mac Airt, Monarch of Ireland, who was married to Fionn Mac Chumhaill, from whom she eloped with Diarmuid. To them are ascribed the Leaba Caillighes (Hags' Beds), so numerous in Ireland. To be edited by the PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY.

This Tract is copied from a manuscript made by a celebrated scribe named Foran, who lived at Portlaw, in the county of Waterford, A. D. 1780. It carries the reader from cave to cave, where it is supposed the fugitives took shelter from the hot pursuit of the injured hero, Fionn, giving the legendary history of every cave which they frequented.

IV. *Agallamh na Seanoirí*; or, the Dialogue of the Sages: an Historical Work in Prose and Poetry, full of rare information on the achievements of the Fianna Eirionn; copied from a vellum manuscript of the Fourteenth Century, now deposited in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. To be edited by JOHN WINDELE, Esq. Member of the Council.

V. *Cat Fionn Tírcha*; or, an Account of the Battle fought at Ventry Harbour in the county of Kerry, in the Third Century of the Christian era, between Daire Donn, Monarch of the World, and the Fenians. To be edited by the REV. JAMES GOODMAN, A.B.

This Battle lasted for 336 days; the copy at the disposal of the Society is the earliest known to exist, having been copied from a vellum manuscript of the fourteenth century, now deposited in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

VI. *Cat Cnoca*; or, the Battle of Castleknock, in the county of Dublin, fought A.D., 273, between Conn Ceadchathach i. e. Conn of the Hundred Battles, and the Clanna Morna; by his victory in which Conn obtained the Sovereignty of three Provinces in Ireland, viz. Connaught, Ulster, and Leinster. To be edited by PROFESSOR O'MAHONY, V. P. O. S.

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VII. *Cáin bó Cuailgne*; or, the Great Cattle Spoil of Cuailgne (Cooley), in the county of Louth, being a History of the Seven Years War between Ulster and Connaught ; in the reign of Meadbh, Queen of Connaught, and Conchobhar Mac Nessa, king of Ulster, on Account of the famous bull called *Donn Cuailgne*; and which terminated, according to Roderic O'Flaherty, the great Irish chronologist, one year before the Christian era. Now editing by WILLIAM HACKETT, Esq. Member of the Council.

This very ancient and curious tract comprises two hundred closely-written folios, and contains many interesting details of Mythological Incidents, Pillar Stones, Ogham Inscriptions, Tulachs, War Chariots, Leanan Sighes, Mice and Cat Incantations. Together with an Account of the Mysterious War Weapon used by Cuchullainn, called *Gath Bolg*; also Some Account of the early Christian Missionaries in Ireland, and the privileges enjoyed by the chief bard.

The copy at the disposal of the Society is acknowledged by competent judges to be the most accurate paper copy extant; and belongs to the Rev. Patrick Lamb, P. P., Newtonghamilton, who has very kindly made it available to the Society; and it is now far advanced in preparation.

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4. The receipts and disbursements of the Society shall be audited annually by two Auditors, elected by the Council; and the Auditors' report shall be published and distributed among the members.

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6. The funds of the Society shall be disbursed in payment of expenses incident to discharging the liabilities of the Society, especially in the Publication department, and no avoidable expenses shall be incurred.

7. Every member shall be entitled to receive ONE COPY of the Society's Publications; and twenty extra copies of each work shall be printed for contingencies.

8. The funds of the Society shall be lodged in Bank, in the name of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Society, or any three members the Council may deem proper to appoint.

9. The Council shall have power to elect additional members, or fill vacancies in its own body.

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